(*b*) whether there was an accident of a Motor bus going back after loosing the brake because of the mischief of some passenger in the absence of the driver in the police station where he had gone to affix his signature either this month or last month;

(*c*) whether the Motor Vehicles propelled by Producer gas plant find it more difficult to start again when the driver goes stopping the engine to the police station?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.
(*b*) There is no information.
(*c*) Yes, in some cases.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There was an accident. Probably it was not a dangerous one. This happened in front of the Vadakkancheri Police Station. A motor bus taking passengers to Trichur from Shoranur or Pazhayannur. The driver and conductor had been in the Police Station. It was not a dangerous accident. The cause of the accident was the mischief of one passenger who might have been a boy. So probably the Police did not record it. Cannot the Government exempt drivers from going out of the motor vehicles as in British India when the Check Register is signed.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Drivers are exempted. Now they need not go and sign the Register.

TEXT BOOK COMMITTEE—ELECTION OF A MEMBER

Mr. President: Nomination papers for election of a member to the Text Book Committee will be received by the Council Secretary till 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th November 1942.

Condolence Motion—Demise of Mr. K. Ramunny Menon

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* Mr. President, Sir, It is my melancholy privilege to move the following resolution standing in my name for the kind acceptance of the House:

"*This House, places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. K. Ramunny Menon, who had been for some time the Conservator of Forests and an official Member of this House*".

Born at Chiyyaram, a suburb of Trichur, in the year 1876 he had his early education in the Government High School at Trichur. After completing his F.A. (corresponding to the present Intermediate) course at the Ernakulam College, he went to Poona and underwent training in Forestry at the College of Science there, after which he joined the State service as a Forester in 1898. Subsequently he was deputed to undergo the Ranger's course at Dehra-Dun as a State Scholar, and on his return after successfully completing the course promoted to a Ranger's place in 1902. By successive promotions he rose up to the position of the Head of the Department in 1928 and retired on superanuation in 1931. He thus served the State for the long period of 33 years rising from the lowest to the highest rank of the departmental ladder by sheer force of merit. I have heard it said that he was one of the recipients of the good conduct prize that used to be given in those days to the best behaved boy in the school and all those who knew him know that all his life he lived up the high reputation he so deservedly established as a young boy. He was a kind master, a loyal and helpful colleague and a devoted public servant, who earned the universal esteem of the public and approbation of his superior. I have little doubt that his general personality will long be missed and his loss deeply mourned by not only the Hon'ble members of this House who had the privilege of knowing him but the public of the State as a whole. I commend the resolution to the kind acceptance of this House.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ: സർ, പരേതനായ മിസ്റ്റർ രാമുണ്ണിമേനവനമായി അധികം ഇടപെടുവാൻ എനിക്ക് ഇവിടെയുള്ള ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർമാരേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അദ്ദേഹം ഒരു വലിയ തറവാടിയും, വനംവകുപ്പിനെപ്പറ്റി വളരെ പഠിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരാളും പ്രശാന്തഗംഭീരനും, പ്രസന്നവദനനനും, ദുഃഖം എന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ എന്താണെന്നുകൂടി അറിയാത്ത ഒരാളുമായിരുന്നു. മാത്രമല്ലാ, അദ്ദേഹം, ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു് യാതൊരുവിധത്തിലുള്ള ദോഷവും തട്ടാതെ പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കു വളരെ സഹായം ചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരാളുമായിരുന്നു. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള മഹാന്റെ ജീവനു് നിത്യശാന്തിവരുവാൻ ദൈവത്തോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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Mr. President : I should like to associate myself on behalf of the Chair with what has been said and request the House to pass the motion standing.

Motion passed nem con, *all members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased*

Adjournment Motions

Mr. President : I have received notice of five adjournment motions. No. 1 is from Mr. Bhaskara Menon. It is disallowed on the ground that the matter cannot be discussed consistently with public interests. No. 2 is disallowed because it is not a matter of urgent public importance. No. 3 is also disallowed for the same reason. No. 4 which is tabled by Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar is disallowed for the same reason., No. 5 tabled by Mr. A. Eachara Menon is also disallowed because it is not a matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there any objection to read those adjournment motions ?

Mr. President : I have already given my ruling on the matter.

Statement Placed on the Table

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts :* Sir, Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	*Head of Account*	*Amount Rs.*	*Remarks*
1	Cranganur Jails	8	Increased expenditure incurred in 1117 for the grant of dearness allowance to the Jail Staff and transferred from "Law and Justice"

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 1,000 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Department Contingencies—Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Department contingencies —Miscellaneous". As stated in my speech during the last Budget Session, it is proposed to constitute a Committee to make enquiries and submit a scheme for the improvement of the working of the Co-operative Societies in the State. The expenditure on this account is estimated at Rs. 1,000. As there is no provision for this in the current year's budget and as it is too premature to ascertain whether savings will be available for reappropriation from other grants the additional allotment has become necessary. I request that the house may be pleased to grant this amount.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur) :* Sir, I am not opposing the grant. The Standing Finance Committee suggested that the amount of Rs. 1,000 seems to be too much than necessary. My submission to this House is this is a committee which need not do much travelling. Practically the proceedings of every society will be incorporated in the form of reports and all these reports will be available with the Registrar. What this committee has got to do is to sit at a central place, go through all these reports and device ways and means of improving the working of the societies.

I find that among the various items which go to make up this Rs. 1,000 there is the provision for the pay of the Secretary Rs. 75. I think this is a matter in which such a highly paid Secretary is not necessary because the Registrar of Co-operative Societies happens to be a member and he can easily be the Secretary of the Committee and he can run the show thereby economising especially when the Government is finding itself pressed for funds. In these little ways many economies can be effected. I request the Hon'ble Member to see that the allotment is not pressed to the extent of Rs. 1,000. There is a normal tendency on the part of Government, to spend up to the last pie of the allotment If the provision is made smaller and if eventually it is found insufficient I think there is this House always willing and ready to vote anything that the Hon'ble Minister wants.

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